

kerosene for the year 2000-2001 to the State of Kerala to 3,97,257 KL against 388170 KL for the year 1999-2000

Bids for shipping LNG to India

1621. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Petronet LNG has invited bids for shipping LNG to India;
- (b) if so, the details of the quantity and duration of this offer;
- (c) whether Indian shipping companies will have any role in this venture; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, Petronet LNG Limited (PLL) has invited offers for shipment of 7.5 million tonnes per annum (MMTPA) of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) from Qatar to its LNG regasification terminals at Dahej (Gujarat) and Kochi (Kerala) for a period of 25 years.

(c) The offers invited by PLL for transportation of LNG provide that the bidder will be required to associate an Indian Shipping Company to be the Member of the Shipping Consortium.

- (d) Does not arise.

MNCs for Technological tie up with ONGC

1622. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that multinational oil companies have offered to have technological tie up with Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited to reduce its oil and gas exploration cost and also higher crude oil yield;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) No, Yes.

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Objective of OIDB

† 1623. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the objective of setting up the Oil Industry Development Board (OIDB);

(b) the total amount of cess recovered during the last three years under the OIDB; and

(c) how the said amount has been utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) The Oil industry (Development) Act, 1974 provide for establishment of a Board for the development of oil industry and for that purpose to levy a duty of excise on crude oil and natural gas and for matters connected therewith Oil Industry Development Board (OIDB) was set up in January, 1975 under the said Act with the above objectives.

(b) As per information received from OIDB, the total amount of cess collected by Government of India during last three years are as follows:

Rs. in crores

1997-98	:	2511.79
1998-99	:	2431.78
1999-2000	:	2572.09
		7515.66

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.